

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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IMPLEMENTATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to strictly implement the Weights and Measures Act, 1975 in the Packed Milk Industry; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b): The Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 made under the provision of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act, 1976 have provisions to regulate commodities in packaged form including 'packed milk'. The rules require the manufacturers/packers to make some mandatory declarations on the package which are of importance to the consumers like:

(i) name and address of the manufacturer/packer

(ii) name of the commodity

(iii) net quantity

(iv) month and year of packing

(v) retail sale price in the form MRP.... (Inclusive of all taxes). However any bottle containing liquid milk/liquid milk in pouch is exempted from the declaration of 'month and year of packing'. Declaration of 'retail sale price' is also exempted on bottle containing liquid milk. The Rules also prescribe certain tolerance with respect to quantity. The enforcement of the provisions of the said Rules rests with the State enforcement machinery. Whenever any violation is detected, the State authority takes action in accordance with the provisions of the Rules.